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 Fields of interest: Development Economics, Labor Economics, Urban and Regional Economics.
 

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Education	<b>Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Peru</b>	
	M.Sc., Economics, GPA: 18.25/20 (1st place) Robert Maes Award. Full-tuition fellowship for outstanding academic performance. Coursework included Real Analysis (De la Fuente), Consumer and Producer Decisions (Mas-Colell), Game Theory (Mas-Colell), Growth and Consumption Models (Romer), Time-Series Analysis (Hamilton and Hayashi), Microeconometrics (Arelano), DSGE Modelling. More details on my <a href="#">webpage</a> .	2016 - 2017
	B.A., Economics, GPA: 15.31/20 Last two years GPA: 17.69/20. 6th place of academic achievement during 2015. Coursework included linear algebra, differences and differential equations, static and dynamic optimization, econometrics, etc.	2011 - 2016
	<b>Maastricth University, Maastricth, Netherlands</b>	2015
	Exchange student, GPA: 8.376/10	
Research Experience	<b>Research Center of Universidad del Pacífico (CIUP)</b>	Jan 2017 - present
	Research Assistant of <a href="#">Gustavo Yamada</a>	
	<b>Group for the Analysis of Development (GRADE)</b>	Aug 2015 - Dec 2016
	Research Assistant of <a href="#">Martín Valdivia</a>	
	<b>Further experience:</b>	
	Co-authoring with <a href="#">Jorge de la Roca</a> - Sol Price School of Public Policy of University of Southern California	2017 - present
	Co-authoring with <a href="#">Alberto Chong</a> - Andrew Young School of Georgia State University	2017 - present
Honors and Awards	<b><a href="#">Robert Maes of the Graduate School Award</a></b>	2017
	Award given to the first place of academic achievement among the graduating class of <i>all thirteen master programs</i> offered by Universidad del Pacífico (US\$ 1000).	
	Third Highest GPA ever recorded (18.25/20) since the program's foundation in 2006, M.Sc. in Economics, Universidad del Pacífico.	2017
	First Place of academic achievement of the graduating class (8 students), M.Sc. in Economics, Universidad del Pacífico.	2017
	First Place of academic achievement of the M.Sc. in Economics during each semester.	2016 - 2017

(continued)	Sixth Place of academic achievement during 2015 academic year among the 726 second-year and beyond students of the School of Economics, Universidad del Pacífico.	2015
Fellowships	<p><b>M.Sc. in Economics, Universidad del Pacífico</b></p> <p>Full-tuition fellowship granted to the best student of the Graduate School each semester. Fellowship received every semester. Total estimated value of US\$ 15,000.</p>	2015 - 2017
Grants	<p><b>Think Tank Initiative - IDRC/GRADE</b></p> <p>With Carmen Armas, US\$ 3000.</p>	2016
Work in Progress	<p><u>Does Trade Liberalization Foster Domestic Violence?</u> (w/ <i>Alberto Chong</i>)</p> <p>We build on a small but increasing literature on trade shocks, and study the effect of trade liberalization on domestic violence in Peru. Domestic violence is a highly relevant outcome in developing because of its pervasiveness and negative consequences. We exploit a national trade reform implemented between 2004 and 2011. Rather than using the pre-reform industrial composition of <i>total</i> employment to weight how each municipality was exposed to liberalization, we use the pre-reform industrial composition of <i>male</i> and <i>female</i> employment to compute two measures: male and female exposure to tariff cuts. We show that, between 2004 and 2011, physical violence increased in 20 percentage points in districts that experienced an average change in male exposure, relatively to other districts. However, female exposure to tariff cuts, if anything, decreased violence, but not in a statistically significant way. Finally, we find suggestive evidence that the labor market is the main link between trade liberalization and domestic violence.</p> <p><u>The Impact of Mining Exploration on the Local Economy</u> (w/ <i>Jorge de la Roca</i>)</p> <p>We build a novel database of georeferenced mining explorations using the whole set of exploration contracts carried out since 2003 between the Peruvian government and the mining firms. Previously, the literature has explored the effect of mining exploitation. However, the impact of mining exploration is understudied, despite their widespread presence and size. We exploit the explorations' location as our source of exogenous variation, since mining firms locate their investments mostly on places they perceive that the chance of finding minerals is large. Using a difference-in-differences approach, we show that mining explorations increased local wages in about 7% in treated households—those within 10km from explorations—relatively to counterfactual households—those between 10 and 20km from mining explorations. This effect is driven by the self-employed, informal, unskilled, and female workers, which suggest that mining exploration has positive distributional effects. Despite this, we find suggestive evidence that mining explorations deteriorate the health status of treated individuals, especially the youngest and the oldest ones.</p> <p><u>Social Norms, Civic Duty and Tax Compliance</u> (w/ <i>Gustavo Yamada, Juan Francisco Castro and Arlette Beltrán</i>)</p> <p>We evaluate the impact, on tax compliance, of sending messages referring to the prevailing social norms (how most of the people pay) and the sentiments of civic duty (why is it important to pay). To understand the underlying mechanisms, we will carry out an endline survey.</p>	

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Mining Production and the Interruption of Post-Secondary Studies*(w/ Gustavo Yamada, Oswaldo Molina and Fernando Aragon)*

This paper studies the impact of the mining boom on the interruption of post-secondary studies during the period 2004-2016 in Peru. To do so, we rely on the within-municipality variation in mining production. We show that the mining boom had a positive impact on the probability of interruption. In contrast with previous studies, we find that our results are mainly driven by a decrease in the return to higher education relative to high-school education and not by an increase in the cost of opportunity. Other mechanisms that may be playing a minor role is the health status of young individuals and the labor reallocation that occurs within households.

News Media, Crime perception and Trust on Formal Institutions*(w/ Gustavo Yamada)*

Even though crime victimization has decreased in the last years, crime perception has increased in Peru. Our hypothesis is that the news industry is in part responsible for such developments. Peruvians are huge consumers of written news. For instance, 'El Trome', a Peruvian gazette, is the most read Spanish-language newspaper in the world. Using a novel database of written news, we identify short-term deviations from the long-term trend in the coverage of crime news at the province level and estimate the effect of news media on crime perception. We measure coverage as a function of the area an article occupies in square centimeters. We also differentiate positively from negatively toned articles. We find that, in the short-run, negative crime news moderately increase crime perception, and as a result, trust in formal institutions decreases.

Research  
Assistance**Research Papers**

Chong, León, Roza, Valdivia, and Vega (forthcoming); *Urbanization Patterns, Information Diffusion and Female Voting in Rural Paraguay*; [American Journal of Political Science](#)

Valdivia (work in progress); The effect of a financial literate program coupled with a peer-to-peer banking mechanisms on savings in rural Ayacucho, Peru

**Consultancies**

Cárdenas, Castro, Paredes, Yamada (2017); *Estudio para identificar las potencialidades económicas, caracterizar la oferta actual de educación superior y las competencias profesionales universitarias pertinentes para el desarrollo económico y social de las regiones de Amazonas, Arequipa, La Libertad Y Cusco*; Client: Ministry of Education.

Conferences  
(Presenter)

Annual Meeting of the LACEA-LAMES, Ecuador, 2018  
13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, USA, 2018 (*Presenter: De la Roca*)  
5th Congress of the Peruvian Economic Association, Peru, 2018  
SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics, Singapore, 2017  
4th Congress of the Peruvian Economic Association, Peru, 2017

Standardized Tests	<p><b>Graduated Record Examination (GRE)</b> 2018          Quantitative score: 169/170 (96th percentile)          Verbal score: 161/170 (88th percentile)          Writing: 4/6 (59th percentile)</p> <p><b>TOEFL IBT</b> 2018          Total: 113 (Reading: 30, Listening: 30, Speaking: 25, Writing: 28)</p>	
Languages and Skills	<p>Spanish (native), English          Stata, ArcGis (ArcPy), Python, R, <math>\text{\LaTeX}</math>, Git, HTML, CSS, Eviews, VBA</p>	
Teaching	<p><b>Graduate School, Universidad del Pacífico</b>  <u>Teaching Assistant:</u>          Advanced Microeconomics I, 2016 - 2018          Advanced Econometrics I, 2017</p> <p><b>Economics, Universidad del Pacífico</b>  <u>Instructor:</u>          Econometrics II, 2019</p> <p><u>Teaching Assistant:</u>          Econometrics II, 2015 - 2018          Macroeconomics I, 2017          Mathematics IV, 2016          Mathematics III, General Economics II, 2014</p>	
References	<p><a href="#">Gustavo Yamada</a>          Director          Research Center of          Universidad del Pacífico (CIUP)  <a href="mailto:yamada_ga@up.edu.pe">yamada_ga@up.edu.pe</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jorge de la Roca</a>          Assistant Professor          Sol Price School of Public Policy          University of Southern California  <a href="mailto:jdelaroc@usc.edu">jdelaroc@usc.edu</a></p> <p><a href="#">Francisco Gallego</a>          Associate Professor          Economics Institute of the          Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile  <a href="mailto:fgallego@uc.cl">fgallego@uc.cl</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Martín Valdivia</a>          Senior Researcher          Group for the Analysis of          Development (GRADE)  <a href="mailto:jvaldivi@grade.org.pe">jvaldivi@grade.org.pe</a></p> <p><a href="#">Alberto Chong</a>          Professor          Andrew Young School          Georgia State University  <a href="mailto:achong6@gsu.edu">achong6@gsu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="#">Frederic Vermeulen</a>          Professor          Department of Economics          University of Leuven  <a href="mailto:frederic.vermeulen@kuleuven.be">frederic.vermeulen@kuleuven.be</a></p>